

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11-16, and 18-34 are pending in this application. Of these pending claims, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12-16, 19-32 and 34 stand rejected. Claims 11, 18 and 33 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By way of this paper, claims 1, 19, 20 and 22 have been amended and claim 33 has been canceled.

The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding office action, and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102 and §103

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-16, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Gil et al. ('097) reference.

Claims 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Wotton et al. ('618) reference.

Claims 22-25 and 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Okuba et al. ('891) reference.

Claims 21 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Gil et al. ('097) reference.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Gil et al. ('097) reference.

Claims 30-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Wotton et al. ('618) reference.

Independent claims 1, 19, 20, and 22 have been amended to include the subject matter of claim 33 indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 1, 19, 20, and 22 is respectfully requested.

Claim 33 has been canceled herein.

The remainder of the claims depending from either claim 1, claim 19, or claim 22 are considered patentable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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